

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1313 - HB 1421**

March 21, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Prohibits a school from requiring or forcing a student to receive a COVID-19 immunization or taking adverse action against a student who is not immunized. Establishes that schools found in violation are subject to civil penalties. Authorizes schools to immunize a student against COVID-19 if certain conditions are met.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005551):** Deletes and replaces language of the original bill to add an authorization for a parent or guardian, upon providing a certain signed statement, to exempt their child from immunization requirements during an epidemic or immediate threat of an epidemic.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-5001 allows for student exemptions from immunization requirements to attend public schools due to homelessness, religious tenets, or medical reasons.
- Schools currently follow immunization requirements and exceptions established in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-5001 and the additional requirements included in the proposed legislation will not significantly impact processes or procedures for schools. It is assumed that all schools will comply with the proposed COVID-19 immunization requirements to avoid potential assessment of civil penalties; therefore, any fiscal impact to local government will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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